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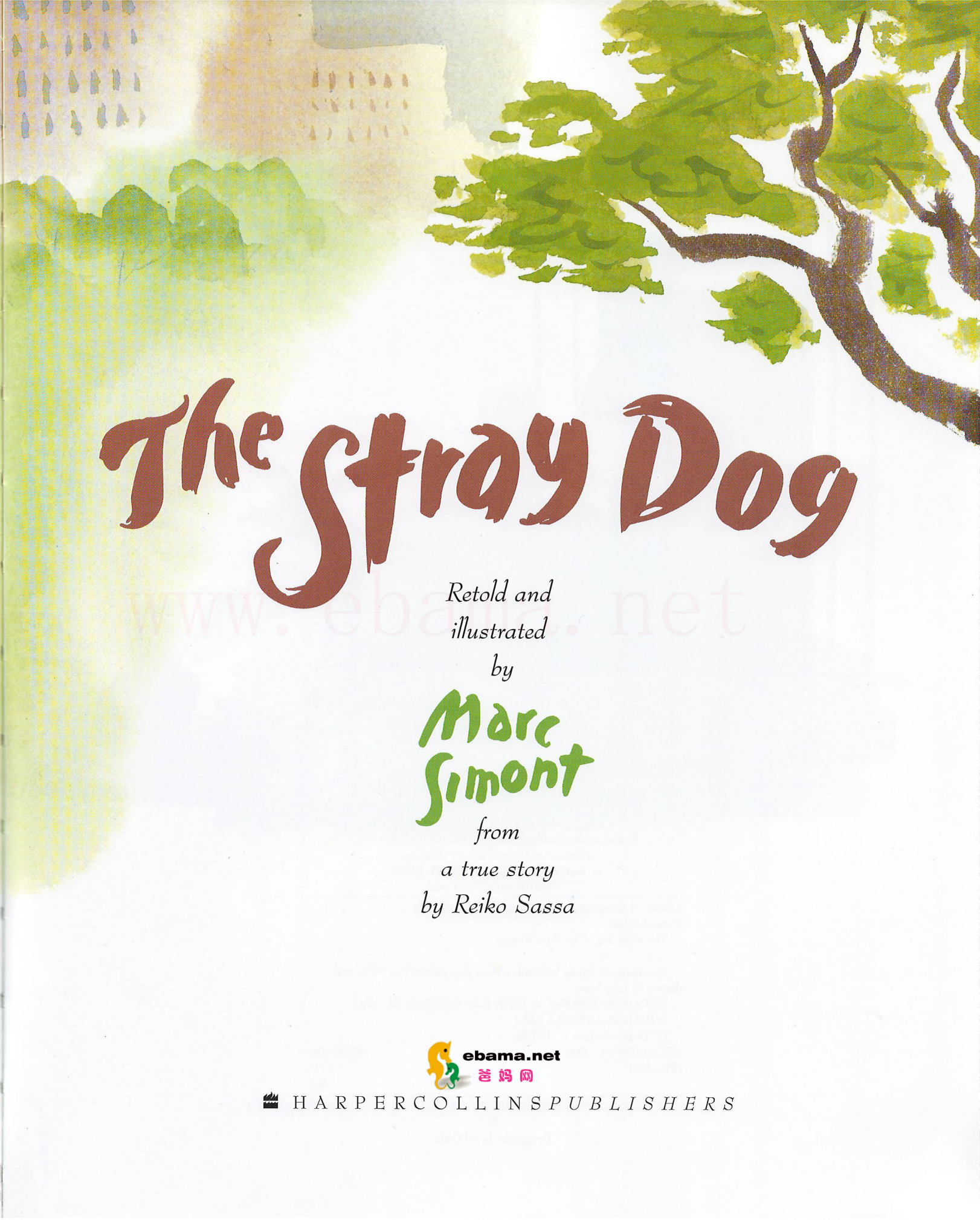
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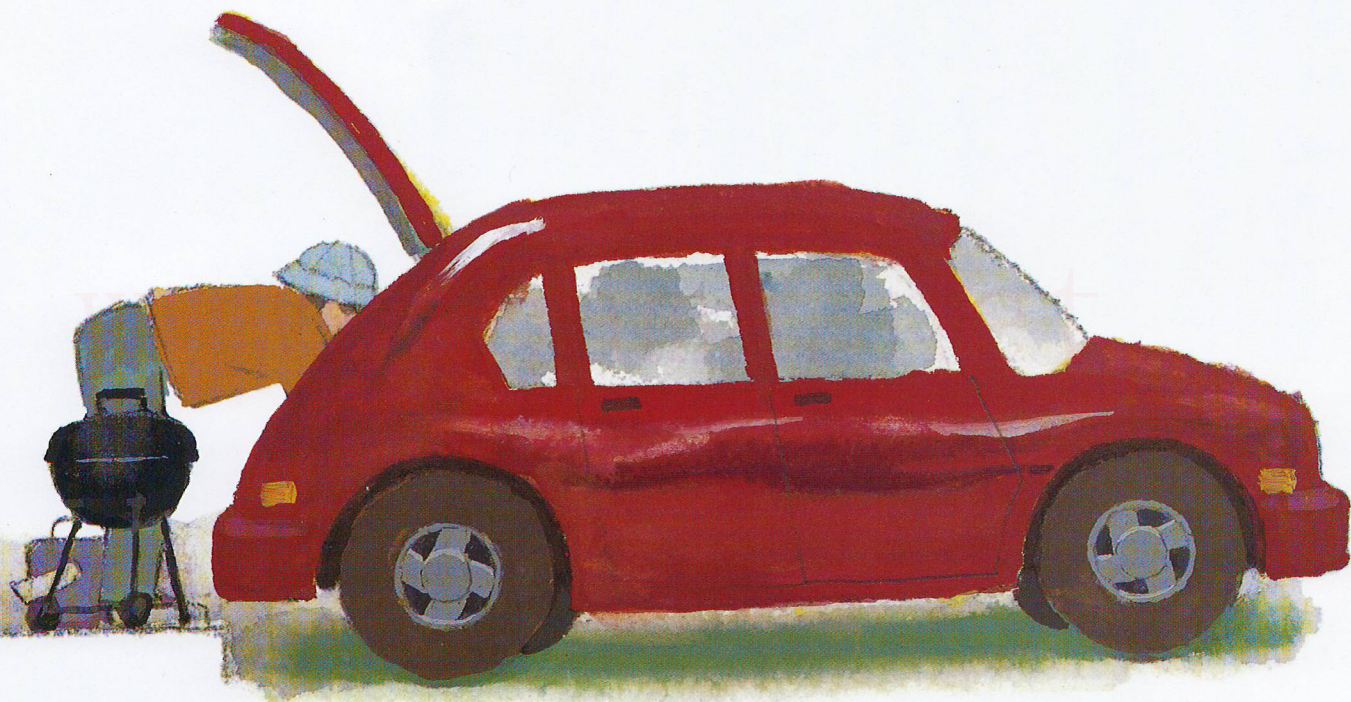
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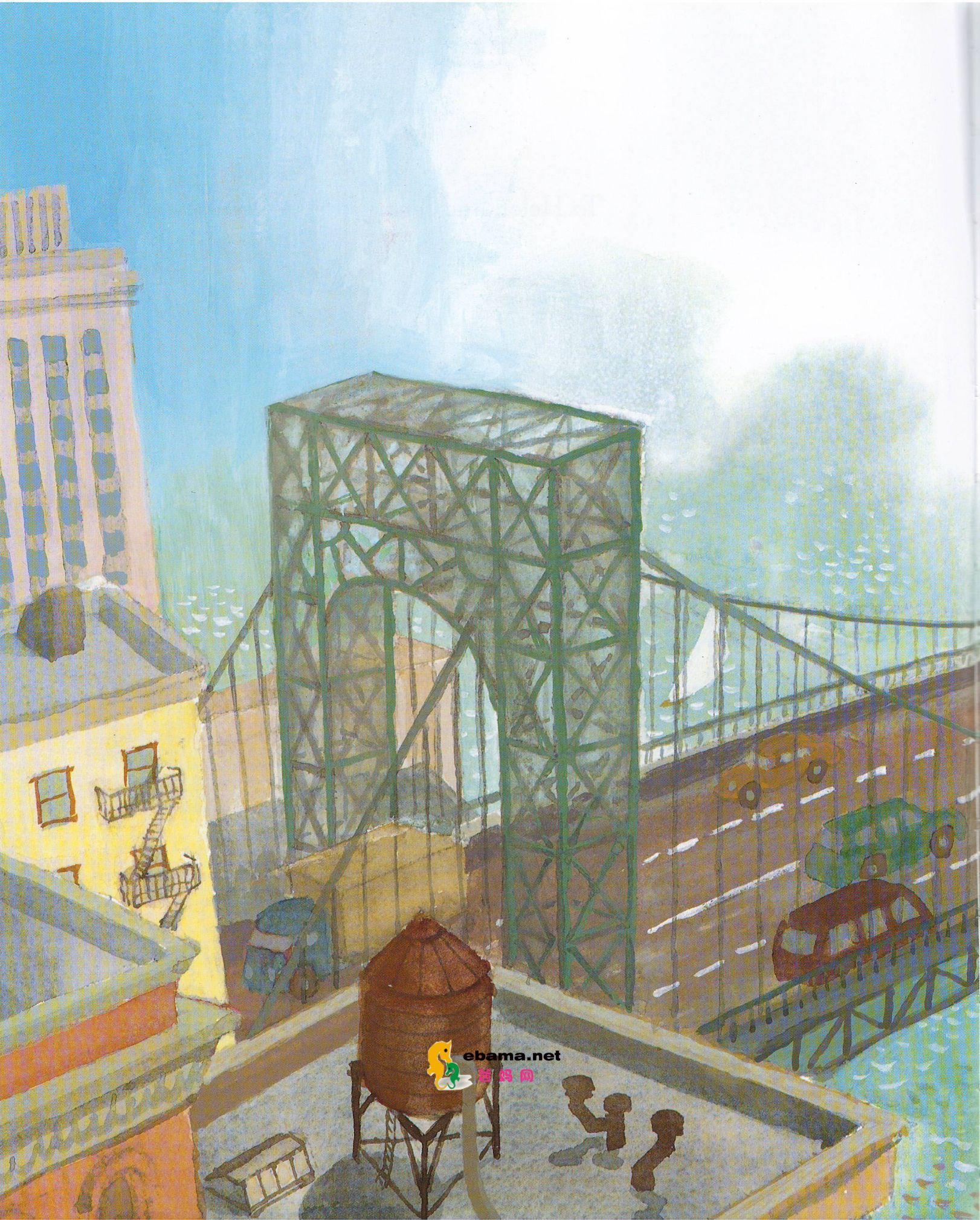
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To Helen and Jenny





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It was a great day for a picnic.



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“What’s this?” asked the father.

“It’s a scruffy little dog,” said the mother.

“He looks hungry,” said the girl.

“I think he wants to play,” said the boy.



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The children played with him and taught him to sit up. They named him Willy. They kept playing until it was time to go.





“Let’s take Willy home,” said the children.

“No,” said the father.

“He must belong to somebody,” explained the mother, “and they would miss him.”





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On the way home the girl said, "Maybe Willy
doesn't belong to anybody."





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During the week
all the family had
Willy on their minds.

tuesday



wednesday

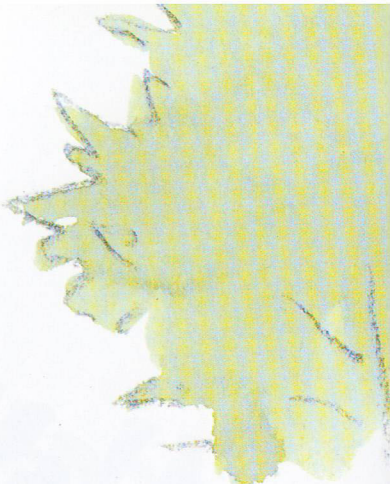
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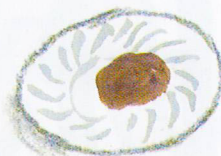
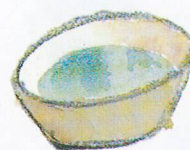
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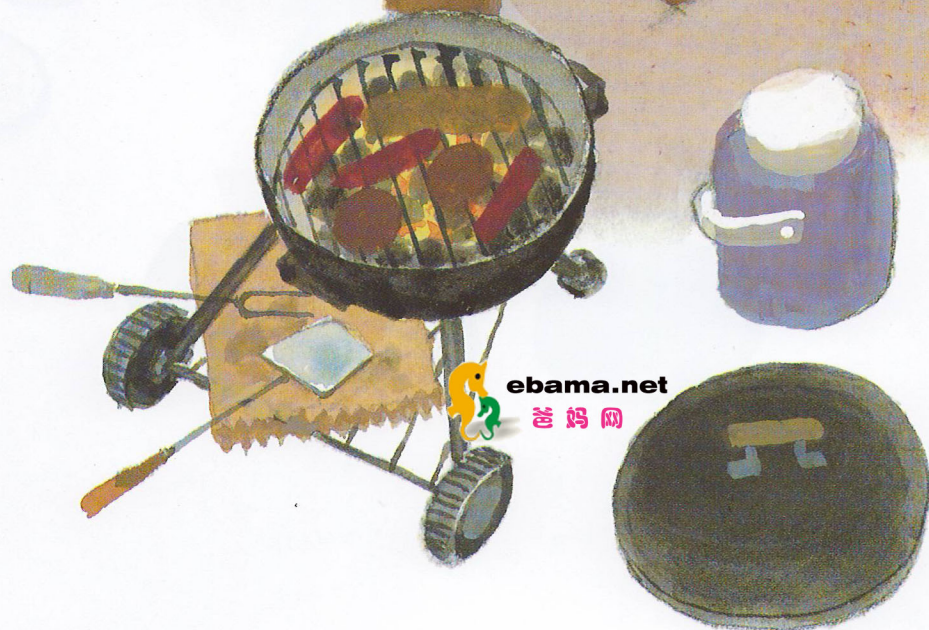
Friday



saturday

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“Willy!” they all cried when he appeared.
But Willy didn’t stop. Willy was in a big hurry.







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“He has no collar. He has no leash,” said the dog warden. “This dog is a stray. He doesn’t belong to anybody.”





The boy took off his belt.
“Here’s his collar,” he said.
The girl took off her hair
ribbon. “Here’s his leash,”
she said. “His name is Willy,
and he belongs to us.”



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They took Willy home.



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And after that . . .





they introduced him to the neighborhood,
where he met some very interesting dogs.





And Willy settled in where he belonged.

Marc Simont has illustrated nearly 100 titles since 1939, including the Caldecott Honor Book THE HAPPY DAY, by Ruth Krauss, and Janice May Udry's A TREE IS NICE, the 1957 Caldecott Medal winner. THE STRAY DOG had its origin in 1983, when Mr. Simont heard his friend Reiko Sassa's touching story of adopting a stray dog.

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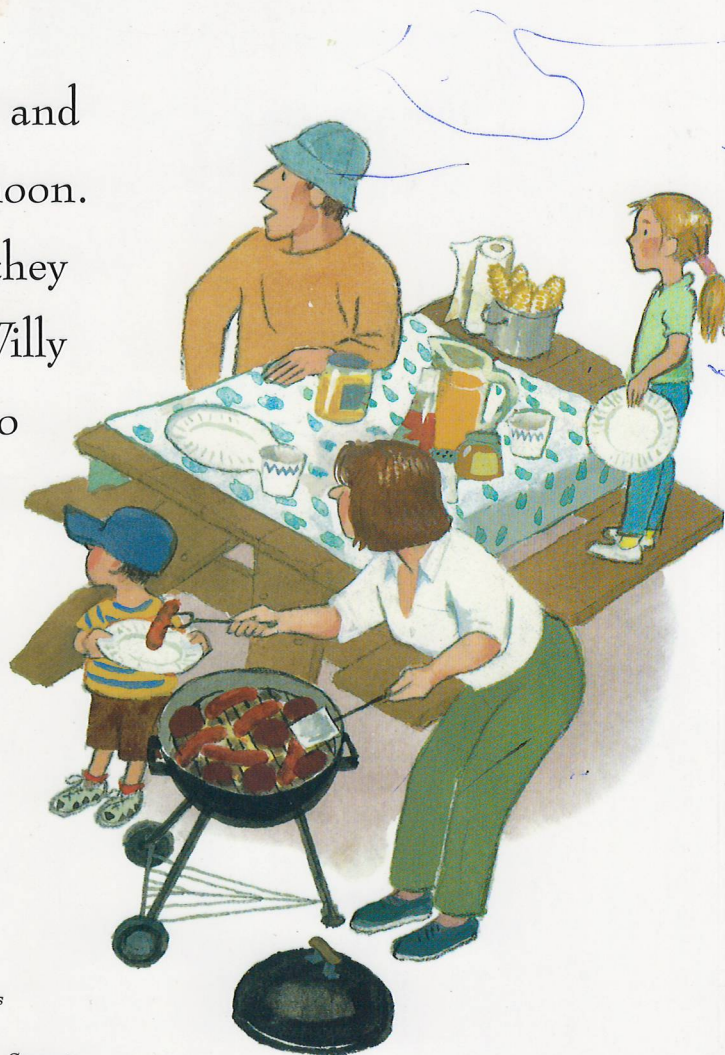
More Than a pet...



A little dog appears at a family picnic and a girl and boy play with him all afternoon. They name him Willy. At day's end, they say good-bye. But they think about Willy all week long. So the family returns to the picnic grounds to find him. They are not alone—the dogcatcher is looking for Willy, too!

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